

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Plastic container for collecting rainwater, which has an underside (14) that rests on the ground, a cavity (22) for collecting the rainwater, and an upper side, wherein the essentially closed upper side has the shape of a trough (16), which is designed as a bearing surface, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the underside (14) has a recess (18), whose sidewall (20) extends up to the trough (16) and supports it.
2. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the upper region of the trough (16) has an overflow hole (26) to the cavity (22).
3. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~either of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein a closable opening (24) is located between the cavity (22) and the lower region of the trough (16).
4. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein a filling hole for filling the cavity with rainwater

and a taphole for removing rainwater from the cavity are provided.

5. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein it is produced as a single piece by blow molding.
6. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the plastic material is polyethylene.
7. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the trough (16) forms the bottom of a garden pond.
8. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the trough (16) supports a flower bed or a rock garden.
9. (Currently Amended) Container in accordance with ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the cavity has a volume of 2,000 to 4,000 liters and preferably 3,000 liters.